

Goshen Volunteer Service Weekend – Spring 2024

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Schedule

Friday, May 3, 2024	
5:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Check In / Cracker Barrel at Olmsted Dining Hall
Saturday, May 4, 2024	
8:00 am	Breakfast at Olmsted Dining Hall
8:45 am – 12:00 pm	Service Weekend Projects – Group Breakouts
12:30 pm	Lunch at Olmsted Dining Hall
1:30 pm – 5:00 pm	Service Weekend Projects – Group Breakouts
6:00 pm	Dinner at Olmsted Dining Hall
TBD (evening)	Information Campfire – Camp Post Gray's Lodge
Sunday, May 5, 2024	
8:00 am	Breakfast at Olmsted Dining Hall Clean Up and Departure
9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Optional: Continued Service Weekend Projects

Project List (Including Recommended Tools)

Although not required, attendees are encouraged to bring various tools and materials with them? Below is a guide for anticipated tool requirements for the 2024 Spring Service Weekend.

Project	Recommended Tools
Campsite Tent and Picnic Table Repair, Campsite Clean Up	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Power Drill- Impact Driver- Circular Saw- Measuring Tape- Socket Set- Crowbar- Bolt Cutting Tool (Oscillating Saw, Bolt Cutters, Angle Grider, etc.)- Work Gloves
Sign Routing, Painting, Building, and Posting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Small Detail Paint Brushes- Paint Rollers- Paint Trays- Paint Clothes- Post Hole Digger- Shovel- Measuring Tape- Tamping Bar
Building Painting (Interior and Exterior)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Paint Rollers- Paint Trays- Paint Clothes- Ladder

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. When should I arrive?

We recommend arriving Friday evening, beginning at 5:00 pm, although some arrive early Saturday morning. There is no formal check-in process, but there will be a small Cracker Barrel available Friday night to meet other participants (dinner not served). The Service Weekend officially begins at 8:00 am, Saturday morning.

2. Where do I sleep?

Participants are encouraged to “camp out” for the weekend in their own tents at CampPost or Camp Olmsted, however other housing is available in the Gray’s Lodge Bunk Room and select Camp Post cabins.

3. Where should I go when I arrive?

If arriving Friday night, we recommend attending the Friday night Cracker Barrel at the Camp Olmsted Dining Hall to meet other event attendees.

If arriving Saturday morning before 9:00 am, please join us at the Camp Olmsted Dining Hall to receive your project assignment and meet your work group.

If arriving anytime Saturday morning after 9:00 am, please go to the Olmsted Dining Hall and contact the Reservation Director, Elisabeth Warren, who can assist in pairing you with a work group.

4. Where / when do people eat during the weekend? The following meals will be served:

Saturday: Breakfast (8:00 am), Lunch (12:30 pm), and Dinner (6:00 pm)
Sunday: Breakfast (8:00 am)

5. What is a typical itinerary for a Work Weekend?

Please see the Volunteer Service Weekend Schedule on page 1 of this document.

6. What tools should I bring?

Please see the “Project List (Including Recommended Tools) page for recommendations for tools to bring to assist with specific work weekend projects.

Other commonly used tools include:

Drill sets, Impact drivers, saws and sawzalls, bolt cutters, socket and ratchet sets, safety glasses, work gloves, work boots, ear protections, paint rollers, paintbrushes, measuring tape, carpenter’s pencil, weed whacker.

Note: Do not bring a chainsaw unless you are BSA chainsaw certified and have arranged with the coordinators.